Ministry of Welfare. Mass communication media is being used increasingly to create awareness in the general population. Special projects for treatment and rehabilitation are also being prepared and implemented. An Inter-Ministerial Group has been formed to coordinate the activities on this front.

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68. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the New Delhi Municipal Committee has to realise a sum of Rupees 21 lakhs from a number of present and former Members of Parliament on account of water and electricity charges;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, separately; and

(c) what steps the New Delhi Municipal Committee has taken to recover the outstanding dues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Inhuman Treatment at Children's Home in Pandav Nagar, Delhi

69. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Indian Express of 14th May, 1986 regarding the inhuman treatment meted out to the inmates of the Children's Home in Pandav Nagar, Delhi by forcing the children to eat human excreata as a punishment for stealing;

(b) whether Government have made any inquiry regarding this odious punishment given by the Supervisor of the Home in particular and in the working of the Children's Home in general; and

(c) if so, what is the result thereof and the action taken by Government in the matter?

MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Home in question is run by Bhartiya Adimjati Sevak Sangh, a voluntary organisation, wtih the help of grants from Government. On the basis of the preliminary inquiries held by Delhi Administration, the Manager of the Home has been suspended and is being proceeded against. The honorary worker who was incharge of the Home has been dis-associated from the activities of the Home.

Suicide by Scientists in ICAR

70. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of scientists of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) who have committed suicide since 1970; and

(b) whether Government have inquired into the causes/circumstances leading to their suicide, if so, what are the details thereof stating the action taken by Government in each of the cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENTRA MAKWANA): (a) Three.

(b) Enquiries have been conducted into all the cases of suicides. Information in respect of the cases is given in the statement appended.

Statement

The cases relating to the suicides of the scientists are given as under:—

(1) Dr. S S. Batra, Assistance Research Officer (Veterinary) Southern Regional Station, National Dairy Research Institute, Bangalore died on March 28, 1970. His dead-body was found lying in the well of